

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chairman Gordon R. Hendrick, on January 17, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick, Chairman (R)
Rep. Brian Hoven, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett (R)
Rep. Pat Connell (R)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Alan Hale (R)
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Cleve J. Loney (R)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Dick Barrett (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lauren Head, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 28, 1/12/2011; HB 52, 1/12/2011; HB 101, 1/12/2011; HB 162, 1/13/2011

HEARING ON HB 28

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:49 Rep. Walter McNutt (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 28, Revise requirements for septic mixing zones.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:35 Steve Kilbreath, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

[**EXHIBIT\(nah12a01\)**](#)

00:12:21 Jim Carlson, Missoula County

00:16:10 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

00:17:25 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Association (MBA)

00:17:38 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:18:57 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

00:19:08 Vice Chairman Hoven left the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:19:40 Rick Breckenridge, Montana Environmental Consultants Association

[**EXHIBIT\(nah12a02\)**](#)

00:21:35 Vice Chairman Hoven joined the meeting.

[**EXHIBIT\(nah12a03\)**](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:28:56 Chairman Hendrick

[**EXHIBIT\(nah12a04\)**](#)

00:29:47 Rep. McNutt

00:29:59 Chairman Hendrick

00:30:02 Rep. McNutt

00:30:18 Rep. Reinhart

00:30:35 Mr. Kilbreath

00:31:43 Rep. Reinhart

00:32:19 Mr. Kilbreath

00:33:11 Vice Chairman Hoven

00:33:31 Mr. Kilbreath

00:34:38 Rep. Miller

00:35:01 Mr. Breckenridge

00:36:45 Rep. Miller

00:38:00 Rep. Loney

00:38:33 Mr. Kilbreath

00:39:18 Rep. Loney

00:39:24 Mr. Kilbreath

00:39:25 Rep. Loney

00:39:29 Rep. Bennett

00:40:27 Mr. Kilbreath
 00:41:24 Rep. Bennett
 00:41:43 Mr. Kilbreath
 00:42:01 Rep. Harris
 00:43:34 Mr. Kilbreath
 00:44:18 Chairman Hendrick
 00:44:43 Mr. Blattie
 00:45:23 Chairman Hendrick
 00:45:25 Mr. Blattie
 00:45:30 Rep. Connell
 00:46:40 Mr. Kilbreath
 00:47:00 Vice Chairman Hoven
 00:47:23 Mr. Kilbreath

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:12 Rep. McNutt

HEARING ON HB 52

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:53:44 Rep. Duane Ankney (R), HD 43, opened the hearing on HB 52, Authorize municipal wastewater reuse.
 00:55:52 Rep. Barrett joined the meeting.
 00:57:18 Rep. Hands left the meeting.
 00:58:26 Rep. Miller left the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:01:09 George Mathieus, DEQ
[EXHIBIT\(nah12a05\)](#)
 01:01:48 Rep. Hands joined the meeting.
 01:03:10 Rep. Miller joined the meeting.
 01:06:50 Jim Jensen, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
 01:08:20 Alec Hansen, MLCT
 01:10:17 Jim Carlson, Missoula County
 01:12:33 Scott Murphy, Licensed Professional Engineer

Opponents' Testimony:

01:15:14 Krista Lee Evans, Senior Water Rights Coalition (SWRC), Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF), Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators (AGAI), Montana Water Rights Association (MRWA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:17:54	Rep. Connell
01:19:01	Rep. Ankney
01:19:39	Rep. Connell
01:20:15	Rep. Ankney
01:20:35	Rep. Connell
01:21:10	Rep. Ankney
01:21:41	Rep. Williams
01:23:26	Rep. Ankney
01:24:43	Rep. Williams
01:24:51	Rep. Ankney
01:25:02	Rep. Loney
01:25:11	Rep. Ankney
01:25:17	Rep. Loney
01:25:22	Rep. Ankney
01:25:46	Rep. Harris
01:26:54	Rep. Ankney
01:27:06	Rep. Hands left the meeting.
01:27:39	Rep. Harris
01:28:04	Rep. Ankney
01:28:29	Chairman Hendrick
01:28:57	Rep. Ankney
01:29:03	Rep. Harris left the meeting
01:29:44	Chairman Hendrick
01:30:18	Rep. Ankney
01:30:26	Chairman Hendrick
01:30:30	Rep. Ankney

Closing by Sponsor:

01:30:51	Rep. Ankney
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HEARING ON HB 101

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:32:46	Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 101, Revise sewer and water district finance laws and water authority laws.
01:36:09	Rep Connell joined the meeting
01:37:17	Rep. Bennett left the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:36:40 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(nah12a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah12a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah12a08\)](#)

01:40:49 Steve Wade, Montana Rural Water Systems (MRWS)

01:42:31 Rep. Bennett joined the meeting.

01:42:57 Harold Blattie, MACo

01:44:00 Dan Keil, MRWS

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:45:36 Chairman Hendrick

01:45:49 Rep. MacDonald

01:46:24 Ms. Miller

Closing by Sponsor:

01:47:32 Rep. MacDonald

01:54:29 Rep. Hands joined the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 162

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:54:36 Rep. Wayne Stahl (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 162, Prohibit mixing zones for city wastewater discharge.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:57:27 Jim Jensen, MEIC

Opponents' Testimony:

02:00:27 Jenny Chambers, DEQ

02:02:59 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association (WETA)

02:03:13 Rep. Reinhart joined the meeting.

02:06:17 Debbie Shea, Montana Mining Association (MMA)

02:08:02 John MacDonald, City of Missoula

02:09:12 Steve Wade, MRWS

02:10:06 Alec Hansen, MLCT

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:13:23 Rep. Harris
02:15:06 Mr. Jensen
02:17:42 Rep. Barrett
02:18:15 Mr. Jensen
02:19:19 Rep. Barrett
02:19:59 Mr. Jensen
02:20:52 Rep. Hale
02:21:05 Mr. Jensen
02:21:08 Rep. Hale
02:21:12 Mr. Jensen
02:22:01 Rep. Hale
02:22:06 Mr. Jensen
02:22:18 Rep. Bennett
02:22:36 Mr. Jensen
02:23:04 Rep. Bennett
02:23:44 Mr. Hansen
02:25:30 Rep. Connell
02:26:00 Mr. Kolman
02:26:09 Rep. Loney
02:26:44 Mr. Jensen
02:27:20 Rep. Loney
02:27:31 Mr. Jensen

Closing by Sponsor:

02:27:46 Rep. Stahl
02:30:01 Chairman Hendrick

ADJOURNMENT

02:30:53 Adjournment

Lauren Head, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah12aad.pdf](#))